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B. ☐ Any patents, publications or other information which are listed on Form 1449 or on the copies of PTO-892, but which are not enclosed herewith, were previously cited by or submitted to the PTO in one of the following applications which has been relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120:

U.S. Serial Number

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C. ☐ This is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the United States. A copy of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information. The documents listed on the International Search report are listed on the attached Form 1449 for consideration by the Examiner and for listing on any patent resulting from this application. If the International Search report was from the US, EPO, or JPO search authorities, copies of these references should have been supplied to the USPTO under the trilateral agreement and are believed to be in the file of the above-identified application. (MPEP 1893.03(g).)

III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE (check at least one box)

A. ☒ Except as may be indicated below in (B), all of the patents, publications or other information are in the English language (concise explanation not required).

B. ☐ A concise explanation of the relevance of each patent, publication or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)):

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3. ☐ Other:

C. ☒ The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration.

Enclosed for the Examiner's consideration are copies of the Office Actions issued in related co-pending patent applications as indicated below:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/463,801 – OA Mailed 7/15/2005
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/463,801 – OA Mailed 12/9/2005
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/463,801 – OA Mailed 5/11/2006
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/620,213 – OA Mailed 3/22/2005
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/873,084 – OA Mailed 10/18/2006
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/771,693 – OA Mailed 3/21/2006
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/813,527 – OA Mailed 9/9/2005
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/813,527 – OA Mailed 3/9/2006
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/424,642 – OA Mailed 12/13/2005
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/760,662 – OA Mailed 12/14/2005
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IV. CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

A. ☒ The Examiner is advised that the following co-pending application(s) contain(s) subject matter that may be related to the present application. By bringing this(these) application(s) to the Examiner's attention, Applicant(s) does (do) not waive the confidentiality provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122.

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11/170611	6/29/2005	1713
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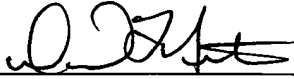
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